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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI/DB/P

SUBJECT: Request for Intelligence Support by U.S. Army
Special Forces

1. I have reviewed this problem at great length with the Geographic Research Area of ORR which has worked with and through various DB/P elements over the past few years on related material. Their judgment is that current work load and priorities would not permit them to undertake responsibility for a program such as that described in the basic request from the Army. There is a possibility, however, that if the Army were to express their needs in more specific terms, ORR might be able to assist them on those projects of highest priority. It is essential in judging this priority, however, that the specific project be assessed in terms of current plans for covert action and the general war planning situation factor about which we in the DB/I area are relatively uninformed. We would prefer, therefore, not to offer any direct support of the Army on this project at this time, but to request further clarification. Subsequently, we would hope to deal with the matter in consultation with the DB/P so as to ascertain the relevance of the given projects to CIA interests and assure that they have sufficient priority to justify their execution by ORR.

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2. If you would like to discuss this matter in greater detail, please give me a ring and we can talk it over with representatives of the Geographic Research Area.

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